(iii) The pro-active involvement of Ministry/Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance as a preventive measure;

(iv) Issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting process by the CVC;

(v) Issue of instructions by the CVC asking the organizations to adopt Integrity Pact in major Government procurement activities, similar instructions have been issued by the Central Government on 16th June, 2009 advising the State Governments to adopt Integrity Pact in major procurements;

(vi) India is amongst the countries who have signed the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(vii) Introduction of e-Governance and simplification of procedures and systems;

(viii) Issue of Citizen Charters.

(e) and (f) This is a state subject and should be handled as such.

Legislation for corruption cases

822. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring forward any legislation for the seizures of illegal properties and assets of Government officials convicted in corruption cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to bring forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The Government has not proposed any new legislation for the seizure of illegal properties and assets of Government officials convicted in corruption cases. A provision for attachment and confiscation of the property and money procured by means of the scheduled offence by the accused persons is already available in the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 1944.

Corruption cases against officers

823. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases against top Government officers are pending for sanction for their prosecution in corruption cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these cases are pending;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend Article 31 of the Constitution of India which grants certain rights and protection to Government employees which are often used to delay prosecution of corrupt officials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per information received